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## PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of  
Kunimasa SHIMIZU, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/092,253

Confirmation No.: 9282

Filed: March 7, 2002

For: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR READING MEDICAL IMAGE

Docket No: Q66589

Group Art Unit: 2878

Examiner: Russell S. Glass

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, dated May 4, 2006, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-12, 17-19, 33, 53 and 54 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Applicants note that this response is timely filed since the due date of June 4, 2006, for responding to the present Office Action fell on a weekend.

Respectfully submitted,

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